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REQUEST FOR

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P 2 2 2003 Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, rovides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

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NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 Previously submitted Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on August 11, 2003 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _ iii. RECEIVED Other LX Enclosed SEP 2 5 2003 i. Amendment/Reply ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) **Technology Center 2100** iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv. Other Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and a check for \$300.00 Miscellaneous Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required) Other The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed. Fees 3. a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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